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DEADPOOL KILLS CABLE

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the DESPICABLE DEADPOOL®

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POSSIBLY THE WORLD'S MOST SKILLED MERCENARY, DEFINITELY THE WORLD'S MOST ANNOYING, WADE WILSON WAS CHOSEN AS PART OF A TOP-SECRET GOVERNMENT PROGRAM WHICH ACCIDENTALLY GAVE HIM A HEALING FACTOR ALLOWING HIM TO HEAL FROM ANY WOUND. FOR A TIME, WADE TRIED TO BE A HERO, THROWING IN WITH THOSE WHO INSPIRED HIM: AVENGERS, X-MEN, SPIDER-MEN. ALL HE GOT FOR HIS EFFORTS WAS PAIN. FORGET THAT NOISE. NOW, HE'S BACK TO BEING WHAT HE DOES BEST...

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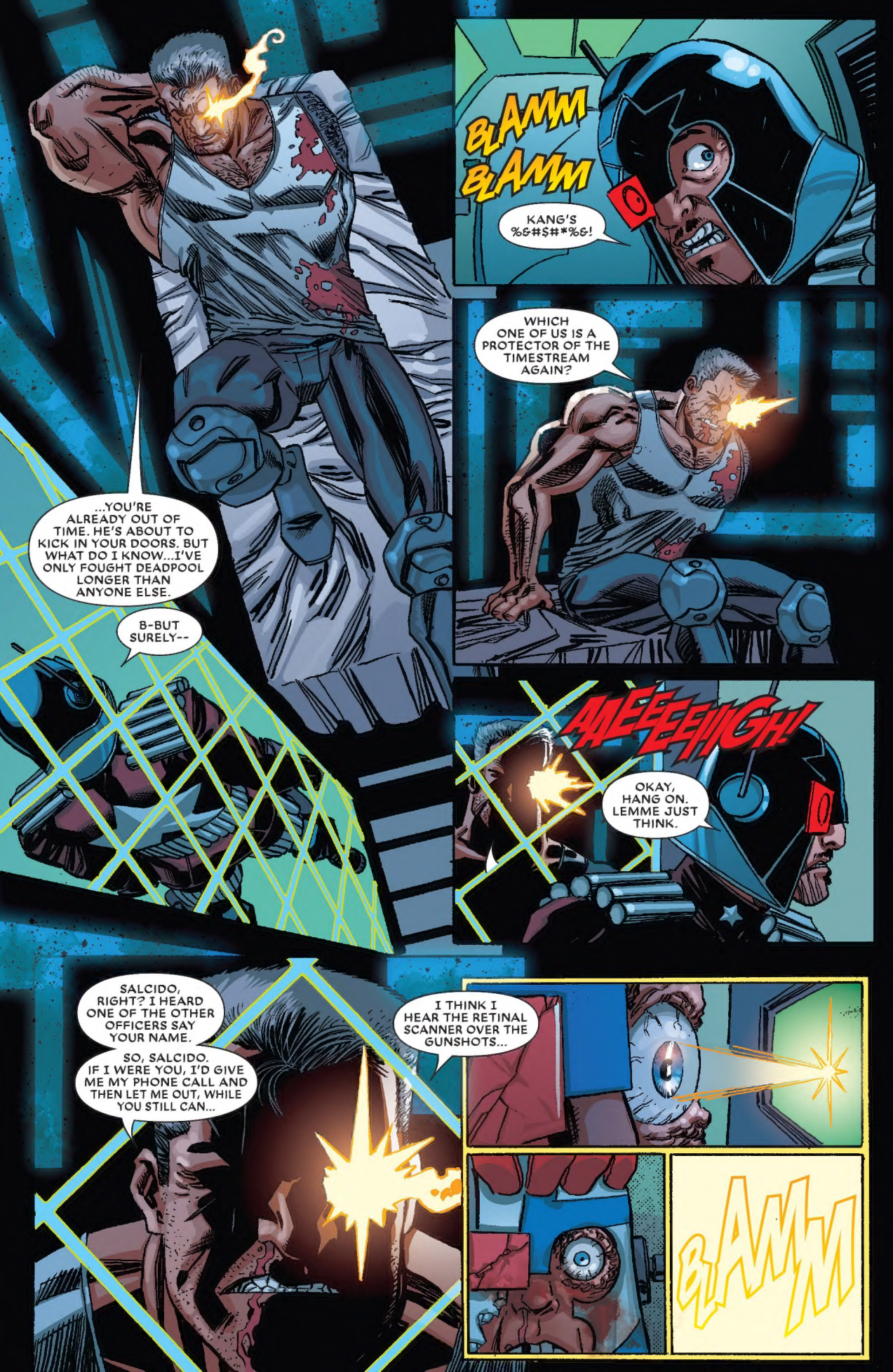
"WHEN THE HELL ARE WE? A MILLION YEARS BEFORE THE SUN GOES NOVA?"

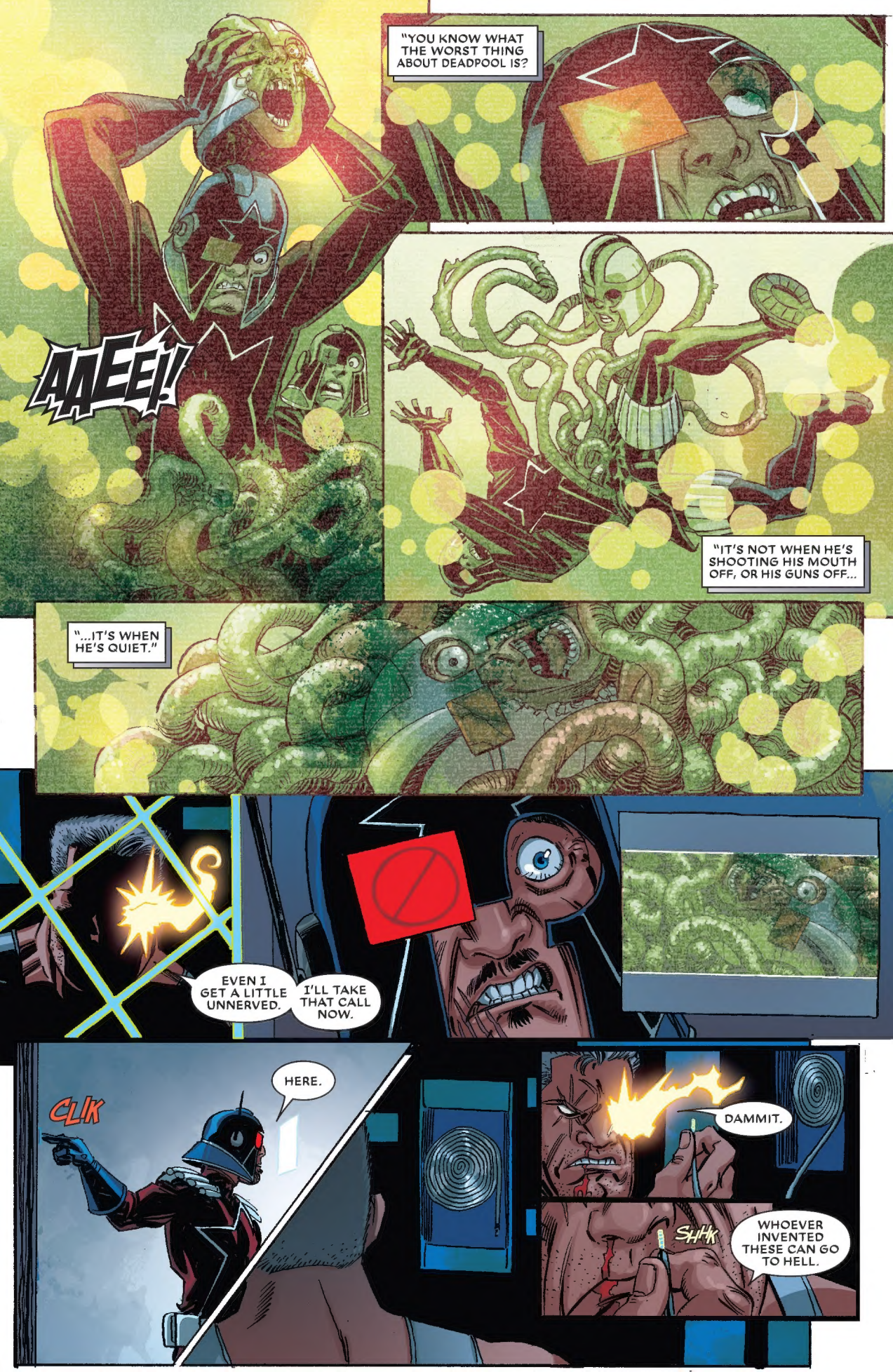
IS IT MAYBE HALF THAT?
THE PRISONER KNOWN AS STRYFE, A.K.A. "CABLE," A.K.A. ASKANISON, WILL BE QUIET!
IF THE TIME VARIANCE AUTHORITY WERE REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SECURITY OF THIS UNIVERSE'S TIMELINE YOU WOULDN'T HAVE LEFT MY ARM BACK IN 2017.
QUIET.
YOU'LL BE OUTFITTED WITH A NONLETHAL PROSTHETIC IF YOU'RE FOUND NOT GUILTY.
YOU MISUNDERSTAND. I WOULDN'T PUT IT PAST DEADPOOL TO GET THE TIME MACHINE IN MY ARM WORKING.
HA.
EVEN IF HE COULD, AND HE MANAGED TO FIND US, HE WOULDN'T SURVIVE AN ASSAULT ON THIS TVA PRECINCT.
THAT'S GOOD. TELL YOURSELF THAT, AND REMEMBER TO BREATHE.
AND I WANT MY PHONE CALL...
...BEFORE YOU'RE NOT AROUND TO GIVE IT TO ME.
HOW THE HELL WOULD DEADPOOL LEARN WHEN AND WHERE WE ARE?
OH, THAT'S EASY...

"...I SUSPECT DEADPOOL CLONED THE AVENGERS MAINFRAME WHILE HE WAS IN STEVE ROGERS' GOOD GRACES AND HAD AVENGERS' SECURITY CLEARANCE."
"WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT?"
"BECAUSE I DID THE SAME THING. ANYWAY, SHUT UP. YOU'RE BEING OBTUSE.
"RIGHT NOW DEADPOOL IS READING UP ON THE TVA FOR EXACT DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS OF KNOWN TVA ENCOUNTERS IN THE PAST.
PEACE
"THEN HE'S GONNA USE MY TIME MACHINE, GO BACK AND FIND ONE OF YOU...
PEACE
"...THEN IT GETS *UGLY*.

"HE'LL PICK A QUIET SPOT...
"...THEN HE'LL GET WHATEVER ANSWERS HE WANTS.
"AND WHILE YOU'RE MESSING AROUND WITH ME, DEADPOOL WILL BE KILLING HIS WAY HERE--
PEACE
"--AND HE'S NOT GOING TO LET YOU CATCH YOUR BREATH.
"SO--IF I'M RIGHT..."


...YOU'RE ALREADY OUT OF TIME. HE'S ABOUT TO KICK IN YOUR DOORS. BUT WHAT DO I KNOW...I'VE ONLY FOUGHT DEADPOOL LONGER THAN ANYONE ELSE.
B-BUT SURELY--
BLAMM BLAMM
KANG'S %&#$#*%&!
WHICH ONE OF US IS A PROTECTOR OF THE TIMESTREAM AGAIN?
AAEEEEIIIGH!
OKAY, HANG ON. LEMME JUST THINK.
SALCIDO, RIGHT? I HEARD ONE OF THE OTHER OFFICERS SAY YOUR NAME.
SO, SALCIDO. IF I WERE YOU, I'D GIVE ME MY PHONE CALL AND THEN LET ME OUT, WHILE YOU STILL CAN...
I THINK I HEAR THE RETINAL SCANNER OVER THE GUNSHOTS...
BLAMM

SO, TURNS OUT THAT RETINAL SCANNERS ARE EASY TO HACK WHEN YOU ROLL WITH KATANAS.
HERE COMES DEADPOOL, THE MAN WITHOUT MORALS!
PEACE
BLAM
TOO CLUNKY, RIGHT?
OOF!
MAYBE-- HERE COMES DEADPOOL, THE MAN WITHOUT REMORSE!
TACHYON RESTRAINTS, NOW!
THAT TRICK IS ONLY GOING TO WORK ONCE.
I'VE COUNTERED YOUR TIME-STOPPING SHENANIGANS WITH A TACHYON BUBBLE OF MY OWN FROM CABLE'S GEAR.
SLASSHK
OH, NO!

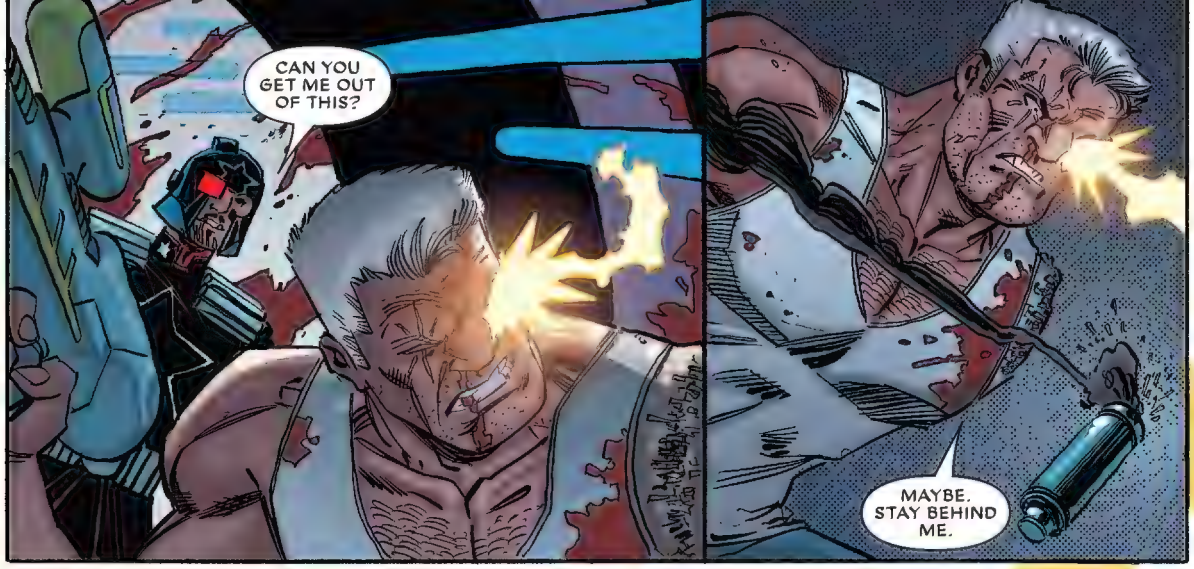

"YOU KNOW WHAT THE WORST THING ABOUT DEADPOOL IS?
AAEE!
"IT'S NOT WHEN HE'S SHOOTING HIS MOUTH OFF, OR HIS GUNS OFF...
"...IT'S WHEN HE'S QUIET."
EVEN I GET A LITTLE UNNERVED.
I'LL TAKE THAT CALL NOW.
CLIK
HERE.
DAMMIT.
SHHK
WHOEVER INVENTED THESE CAN GO TO HELL.

HNNH!
BRRING
GO AWAY.
BRRRRING
WHAT?
IT'S ME.
I THOUGHT YOU SAID HANGING OUT NEAR A PHONE AT THE END OF MY LIFE WAS A STUPID IDEA. THAT HAVING A LIFELINE TO YOUR FUTURE WAS TOO HEAVY A BURDEN.
I WAS WRONG. I'LL DEFER TO AGE AND WISDOM ON THIS.
APOLOGY ACCEPTED. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
DEADPOOL'S TRYING TO KILL ME.
HUH. THAT'S HOW WE MET.
THIS ISN'T THE TYPE OF ADVICE I'M LOOKING FOR...
...IT'S 2017, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW TO STOP HIM THIS TIME. THESE EVENTS ARE A CURVEBALL FOR ME.
HE'S LOST EVERYTHING. MEN THAT'VE LOST EVERYTHING ARE EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT TO BEAT.
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD FIND A WAY TO LOSE.
GOOD LUCK.
HUNH.
HOPE YOU BECOME ME.
KLIKK

HERE.
SMART MAN.
YOU'RE MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE, SALCIDO.
WHAT DID YOUR FUTURE SELF SAY? WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?
I SOUNDED *SENILE.*
IF I LIVE THROUGH TODAY I'M GOING TO *KILL* THE OLD MAN I BECOME.
YOU SAY THAT, AND YOU WONDER WHY THE TVA BELIEVES YOU'RE ALSO *STRYFE.*

YERAARGH!
OH, GOD!
CABLE!
GIVE HIM TO ME, AND NOBODY ELSE NEEDS TO DIE.
THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S BOTHERING ME.
BLAM
BLAM
TIME COPS, TIME COPS, WHATCHA GONNA DO WHEN DEADPOOL COMES FOR YOU?
NO, NOT ALL THE MURDER. I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT HOW THE TVA ARRIVED RIGHT AS I WAS ABOUT TO KILL CABLE.
THEN I REALIZED I HAD STRYFE TO THANK. THIS GAUNTLET IS BASICALLY A FREEBIE FOR HIM. THE TVA ARE OUT FOR STRYFE, HE HAS ME AFTER CABLE, SO WHAT DOES HE DO?
HE DROPS A DIME ON CABLE TO MAKE SURE HE'S IN TVA CUSTODY WHEN I COME FOR HIM. EVERYONE HERE IS COLLATERAL. STILL, I DON'T GIVE A DAMN, I JUST WANT THIS OVER.
@#$% THE TIME POLICE.

AHH!
AIM FOR THE HEAD!
BLAM
ARE YOU KIDDING? THAT'S WHAT I ALWAYS SAY, TOO! "AIM FOR THE HEAD--MAKES THEM DEAD!"
UH, DOES ANYONE HAVE SOME AMMO YOU COULD LOAN ME? PROMISE I'LL GIVE IT RIGHT BACK TO YOU.
KLIKK
AAARGH!
GRRRRAAAAARGH!
FATALITY!
HADOUKEN!
OH MAN, HAVING A METAL ROBOT ARM IS THE BEST. YOU CAN BEAT BEAT BEAT ALL DAY LONG AND YOUR ARM NEVER GETS TIRED!
HADOUKEN!
HERE'S SOME FOR YOU.
SPLAKK
IT'S BEEN LESS THAN A DAY AND YOU'VE PRETTY MUCH COVERED ME IN EVERYTHING THERE IS TO COVER.
CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!


CAN YOU GET ME OUT OF THIS?
MAYBE. STAY BEHIND ME.

COVER!

OOF!
STAY DOWN, NATE!
WHUDD

YOU TOO, WHATEVER YOUR NAME WAS.
AEEE!!!!!!!!!

GOOD THING YOU DIDN'T TELL HIM YOU COULD GET HIM OUT OF HERE ALIVE.

APPRECIATE THE FUN PURSUIT, CABLE. NOBODY PUTS UP A FIGHT LIKE YOU DO, BUDDY.
MAYBE IN ANOTHER TIMELINE, IT WOULDN'T HAVE TO END LIKE THIS.
I GOTTA GIVE YOU CREDIT, YOU ALMOST PULLED THIS OFF.
I FIGURE IT TOOK YOU A DAY OR TWO TO FIND ME, EVEN THOUGH I'VE ONLY BEEN AT THE TVA FOR A FEW MINUTES.
TRUE ENOUGH, COCHISE.
WELL, EVERY SINGLE DAY I SPEAK A SET OF CHALLENGE QUESTIONS TO MY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. WHEN SHE HEARS THEM, SHE KNOWS THAT I'VE NOT BEEN MENTALLY COMPROMISED BY ONE OF MY ENEMIES, LIKE, SAY, STRYFE.
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS SAY *THE MAGIC WORDS* AND I'LL REGAIN CONTROL OVER THE TECHNOLOGY IN MY PROSTHETIC.

WHAT ARE "THE MAGIC WORDS"?
I JUST SAID THEM. "THE MAGIC WORDS" ARE MY MAGIC WORDS.
YOU'RE LYING.
IF I'M LYING--PULL THE TRIGGER. TRY IT.
WAIT--WHAT?!
FINE...I'LL JUST FIGHT YOU ONE-HANDED.
OH, YOU'LL BE MISSING MORE THAN THAT, I'M AFRAID.

AEEEEEEE!!!!
THIS IS SAD NOW.
I'LL DECIDE WHAT IS SAD, THANK YOU VERY MUCH...

...LIKE WHAT I DID TO MYSELF WHILE IN CONTROL OF YOUR METAL HAND.
SHUT UP, WILSON.
I DEFINITELY VOIDED THE WARRANTY--IN ANY LIFETIME.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING, BELLE?
AND RUN DISINFECTANT PROTOCOLS.

BETTER NOW, THANKS.
I'M JUST SECURELY DELETING THE PROGRAM DEADPOOL INFLICTED ON ME.
BUSCEMI SAVE ME!
SO--WHAT'S NEXT?
IS THERE A WAY TO DO THIS WITHOUT IT HURTING?
OF COURSE THERE IS.

BUT I FORGET HOW RIGHT NOW.
YEAAAAAAAAARRRRGH!
YOU KNOW, WADE, WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT.
I GOT SOME ADVICE ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE THIS FROM SOMEONE I MIGHT NOT LIKE...
...BUT I AT LEAST HAVE TO *RESPECT*.
WHAT'D THIS PERSON TELL YOU TO DO?
DOESN'T MATTER. IT WAS STUPID ADVICE.

WHEN YOU WAKE UP, YOU'RE GOING TO ANSWER ALL MY QUESTIONS ABOUT STRYFE. IF I DON'T LIKE WHAT I HEAR, I'M RIDDING THE WORLD OF YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL.
WHEN I WAKE UP? I DON'T FEEL TIRED AT ALL, AND--
BRAAAAAAAAD
TO BE CONTINUED...

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